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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 1095

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BBAK, US, DTZ
SUBJECT: NEW BOOKSELLER FIRM

REF: USDOC 6931, MUSCAT 490

1. AMERICAN RESIDENT IN BAHRAIN CALLED EMBASSY ON BEHALF OF
EXPATRIATE FRIEND TO CHECK ON A U.S. FIRM WHICH LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY
LIKE A REINCARNATION OF EURO-AMERICAN EST. FIRM'S REP MARIE
BERNAL GIVING ADDRESS OF CENTENNIAL CORP, P.O. BOX 3197,
BOISE, IDAHO 83703, TELEPHONE (208) 376-6205, PLACED AD IN
LOCAL PAPERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WANTING TO TRAVEL. EXPAT'S
DAUGHTER ANSWERED AD TO FIND THAT FIRM OFFERING TRAVEL TO
EAST AFRICA AND TO THAILAND TO SELL BOOKS. BERNAL WAS
PRESENT AT LOCAL HOTEL FOR INTERVIEWS ON MAY 11 AND 12 AND
PROMISED INTERESTED YOUTH THAT SHE WOULD RETURN TO BAHRAIN
IN TWO WEEKS.

2. EMBASSY WAS ALSO ADVISED, AFTER THE FACT, THAT A GROUP
OF YOUNG AMERICANS WERE IN BAHRAIN ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO SELLING
\$80 GARDENING BOOKS PRIMARILY TO THE EXPAT COMMUNITY. THE
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EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE WHO MADE A PURCHASE
OR WHO RECALLS ANY NAMES OR OTHER DETAILS. YOUNG BANK OFFICERS
HAVE INDICATED THAT WHILE SALES PITCH AFTER FIRST REFUSAL TO
BUY WAS INDIRECT IT WAS UNDENIABLY PHYSICAL.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT: QUOTE: TOO
YOUNG FOR AIRLINES? IF SO, MISS BERNAL WILL BE INTERVIEWING

SINGLE PERSONS (18-24 YRS.) TO TRAVEL EUROPE, AFRICA AND FAR EAST AND RETURN. TWO WEEKS EXPENSES PAID AND EXCELLENT EARNINGS THEREAFTER. WAITRESS/WAITER EXPERIENCE HELPFUL BUT NOT NECESSARY. ONLY THOSE ABLE TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY NEEDED APPLY. SEE MISS BERNAL THURSDAY, MAY 11 AND FRIDAY, MAY 12 ONLY, FROM 12 NOON - 3:30 P.M. AT ANDRUS HOTEL (BAB AL BAHRAIN). NO PHONE CALLS, PARENTS WELCOME AT INTERVIEW. END QUOTDM

4. SUGGEST OTHER POSTS IN REGION MIGHT BE ALERT TO SAME APPROACH.
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